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# 2016 Massachusetts State Primary and State Election Schedule

*Subject to change by the General Court*

## Deadline Dates

### Calendar of Events

Nomination papers must be available. (They may be released earlier; check with Elections Division.)

Last day for a person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party (except newly registered voters).

**5:00 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.**

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters for complete certification of signatures.

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures.

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures.

**5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file nomination papers (including party enrollment or voter registration certificate and Ethics Commission receipt) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.**

5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals.

**PLEASE NOTE: All dates and deadlines below are the same for all candidates**

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primaries (except in towns with fewer than 1500 voters registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

### State Primaries

5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nominations at the state primaries.

5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primaries.

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for write-in or sticker candidates who won at the state primary to file a written acceptance of nomination.

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Election (except in towns with fewer than 1500 voters registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

### State Election

Party and non-party candidates for district and county offices	Party candidates for federal and state-wide offices	Non-Party candidates for federal and state-wide offices
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February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016
March 1, 2016	March 8, 2016	March 8, 2016
May 3, 2016	May 10, 2016	August 2, 2016
May 24, 2016	May 31, 2016	August 23, 2016
May 26, 2016	June 2, 2016	August 25, 2016
May 27, 2016	June 6, 2016	August 29, 2016
May 31, 2016	June 7, 2016	August 30, 2016
June 3, 2016	June 10, 2016	September 2, 2016
June 8, 2016	June 15, 2016	September 8, 2016
Wednesday, August 31, 2016		

**Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

Monday, September 26, 2016

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Monday, October 3, 2016

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**